

to relieve him of the duty to appear.”) (quoting Pioche Mines Consolidated, Inc. v. Dolman, 333 F.2d 257, 269 (9th Cir.1964), cert. denied 380 U.S. 956 (1965)); Hollar v. Myers, 184 B.R. 243, 246 (M.D.N.C. 1995) (“It is well-settled that the filing of a motion for protective order does not automatically operate to stay a deposition or other discovery. Rather, a deponent is relieved of his or her duty to appear only if [a] court order is granted before the scheduled deposition.”) (internal citations omitted).

However, the Court finds that to ensure the orderly disposition of the issues set forth in the Motion, a ruling on the Motion should be issued before the deposition is taken.

Accordingly, the deposition of Blue Ridge Metals Corporation is **TEMPORARILY STAYED** pending the Court’s ruling on the Motion for Protective Order (Doc. 34).

It is so ordered.

Signed: July 27, 2020



W. Carleton Metcalf
United States Magistrate Judge

